

LEE VALLEY REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

REGENERATION & PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES 27 FEBRUARY 2020

Members Present: Chris Kennedy (Vice Chairman) Valerie Metcalfe
John Bevan Gordon Nicholson
Christine Hamilton Paul Osborn
Mary Sartin

Apologies Received From: David Andrews, Denise Jones, Heather Johnson, Syd Stavrou

In Attendance: David Gardner

Officers Present: Beryl Foster - Director of Corporate Services
Claire Martin - Policy Officer
Jon Carney - Head of Parklands
Sandra Bertschin - Committee & Members' Services Manager

Part I

In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman.

85 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Name	Agenda Item No.	Nature of Interest	
Gordon Nicholson	5	Member of Broxbourne Borough Council	<i>Non-pecuniary</i>
Chris Kennedy	6	Partner works for London Legacy Development Corporation	<i>Non-pecuniary</i>

86 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

THAT the Minutes of the Regeneration & Planning Committee meeting held on 23 January 2020 be approved and signed.

87 PUBLIC SPEAKING

No requests from the public to speak or present petitions had been received for this meeting.

88 BROXBOURNE LOCAL PLAN MAIN MODIFICATIONS CONSULTATION Paper RP/37/20

The report was introduced by the Policy Officer.

Member comments endorsed concerns regarding policy GT1 Gypsy and Traveller sites and supporting text for Wharf Road, including:

- the site's isolated location and access over a level crossing, which could be closed in the future, was contrary to national planning policies which sought to embed gypsy and traveller sites within local communities;

- the site was located in a flood zone and further views should be sought from the Environment Agency;
 - issues with fragmentation of the site;
 - the proposal diluted the Authority's statutory responsibilities; and
- this area of the Park was of increasing importance given the scale of developments taking place alongside the railway line.
- (1) **the comments as set out in Appendix A to paper RP/37/20 as the Authority's formal response to the consultation by Broxbourne Borough Council on the Main Modifications to the draft Local Plan; and**
 - (2) **a further letter be sent expressing the above concerns regarding policy GT1 Gypsy and Traveller sites Wharf Road was approved.**

Gordon Nicholson abstained from this agenda item.

89 PLANNING CONSULTATION BY LONDON LEGACY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, QUEEN ELIZABETH OLYMPIC PARK, STRATFORD, E20 2ST LEGACY COMMUNITIES SCHEME BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN 2019 – 2024 SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO SCHEDULE 10 OF THE LEGACY COMMUNITIES SECTION 106 AGREEMENT

Paper RP/38/20

The report was introduced by the Policy Officer.

Member comments on the designation of area 1 'Development Platform' Lee Valley Hockey & Tennis Centre included:

- senior representatives of the London Legacy Development Corporation had expressed support for the Authority's strategy to maintain Lee Valley Hockey & Tennis Centre as a national venue, which were based on plans for the development platform and the Western Plaza, and that this should correlate with habitat mapping in the Legacy Communities Scheme Biodiversity Action Plan 2019-2024.
- (1) **that the London Legacy Development Corporation be informed that the Authority is supportive of the Legacy Communities Scheme Biodiversity Action Plan 2019-2024 and the basis this provides together with the Lee Valley Regional Park Biodiversity Action Plan for joint working to enhance biodiversity across the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park; and**
 - (2) **that clarification and amendments to the habitat mapping are sought as outlined below to ensure the Legacy Communities Scheme Biodiversity Action Plan 2019-2024 aligns with the existing habitat present within the Regional Park and the Authority's associated land management regime:**
 - (a) **Area 1 'Development Platform' Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre – the development platform should be removed from the brownfield habitat type and re-designated as white land or temporary landscape as with other areas for development;**

- (b) Area 2 Land to the east of the Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre – this area should be changed to species rich grassland to match current management of the area;**
- (c) Area 3 Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre – the designation for this site should be changed from brownfield habitat to species rich grassland;**
- (d) Area 4 and 5 Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre – the hedgerows in the car park should be identified as part of the Biodiversity Action Plan habitat as should the biodiverse roof on the Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre building and on the compound (in area 2);**
- (e) Area 6 Boundaries on eastern side of Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre – whilst some areas have become scrub and woodland the brownfield habitat within this area should be noted; and**
- (f) Area 7 Lee Valley VeloPark – clarification is required as to why small sections are shown as ‘Park Squares and Amenity Space’ habitat was approved.**

Chairman

Date

The meeting started at 12.00noon and ended at 12.35pm